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# Remarks on board the Ship Resolute

Friday Sept 21st

boarded the ship and found her abandoned with the water up to her lower deck started one of her pumps found after a while the water lowered - continued pumping untill she was freed - commenced clearing away her rigging to make sail when the ice slacked - the George Henry about 5 miles off - the ice about the ship was from 25 to 30 feet thick - the land in sight to the westward off Cape Mercy beetween 35 & 40 miles distant

Saturday 22d

Strong gales from the N E and snowing very hard and dark as posible the ice packed very close - The George Henry in sight in a few minutes the land could not be seen at 4 AM 3 more men came on board from the George Henry at 6 PM freed the ship the ice packed close

Sunday 23rd

Monday the 24th

Examined the ships lower hole found considerable ice in the hole, tanks full of ice also found every thing on board more or less damaged found her boats sun dried and rent badly - the George Henry of New London in sight

Tuesday 25th

N N E gales and thick heavy ice packed close around the vessel - employed in clearing up the vessel aloft and below hung the rudder

Wednesday 26th

Blowing strong N E Gale and snowing very hard no prospect of getting clear of the ice very soon if ever the land in sight to Leeward

Thursday 27th

Strong Gale from the N East and snowing hard and as thick as the blackness of darkness

Friday 28th

Weather more moderate three men came on board from the George Henry and made a short stay in the afternoon ice slacked made sail and worked through the ice to the George Henry Wind from the N East

Saturday 29th

All this day light winds from the Northward and Eastward at 4 AM made sail and worked through the ice to the South - the ice having the appearance of being closely packed in, where the ice around the vessel is moving about in all directions being but about by the strong current & tides which set ~~with the~~

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which appears to be ragged and covered with
snow the land is about 20 m distant —
the thermometer stands at 26°
The George Henry in sight

Sunday 30th This day commences with light winds &
closes with strong breeges from the S E with sno
and rain a heavy swell from the S E and
most of the time thick very little water in
sight of the land could not be seen the G
H in sight occasionly very little water in
sight examined the lower hole forward found th
things more or less damaged
this is a dull dreary place so much so tha
enough to make one sick of life so little
one part of this worlds inhabitants know wha
the other has to endure
Therm at 33 above zero

Monday October 1st 1855 Pleasant weather with light winds from the west
and quite warm in the afternoon made
some sail and worked through the ice
a very little the G Henry in sight to
the N and West of us
Therm at 32

Tuesday 2nd 1855 Mild pleasand weather wind from the sout
west a small stream of water to the sou
east of us made sail in the morning
and run quite a piece before bringing
up the G Henry in sight with sail set
working through the ice at 10 A M saw
a barque to the S E of us did not speak he
a body of ice between us — the George Henr
in sight ice closely packed

Wednesday 3rd First part of this day fine weather saw the
English barque under full sail ice packed
closely around us could not move the sho
latter part strong breeges from the South ca
so the day closes
Therm at 30 above

Thursday 4th During this day a strong gale blowing
from the N East with snow and rain
freezing to the riggin till the ropes looke
like rope of silver saw the barque in
the morning fast in the ice like
ourselves
Therm at 30 above

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Friday 5th — Strong N East gale and snowing hard saw nothing of either vessel a few holes of water around us and numerous ice bergs of every shape and all sizes from an acre up to 30 acre across them the ice where slack seem to be going in all directions except the bergs which are going at the rate of one knot or more to the S Atlantic Ocean saw nothing of either vessel or the land it being very thick at 3 PM got under way and worked through the ice to the S & Eastward with a fair wind

Saturday 6th — Got under way and worked our way through the ice to a hole of partialy clear water during the night kept under way with a light variable breeze it being thick the day closes with rainy weather and calm cleared up a short time about noon saw the G Henry under fore & aft foresail to the N East of us set our Ensign and she answered it saw an English barque to the Eastward saw the land close by us —

Sunday 7th — Variable weather working through the ice to the South East in the morning saw the George Henry bearing by compass South by East hull in sight. Rouse our decks had not time to signalize her before it shut in thick the day closes with rain which freezes as soon as it strike the rigging which loads it with ice which adheres to the rigging for a while and then falls to the decks with much noise together with the striking of the sides of the vessel againts the ice makes music enough for any person that is nervous so I see it

Monday the 8 — Wind S. East varing to the South and increased to a gale the ship drifting to the North East through the ice swings about extreamly owing to the S East swell six week we have experienced little or no southerly current the prevailing wind has been from the East Coast this morning it cleared up a little saw the G Henry South of us some water in sight the land from ten to 15 miles distant lattitude by Obs 63 56 North —

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Tuesday 9 — Blowing a perfect gale from the South West and thick heavy atmosphere saw the barque this morning some 7 or 8 miles distant we have lain all day tied up to an ice berg drifting to the S East — to day saw the peaks of the land to day the ice has not been so heavy as formerly

Wednesday 10th — During the first part of this day a strong gale from the S West latter part the S Henry in sight ice very tight the lee point of Cape Mercer in sight from 20 to 30 miles distant

Thursday 11th — Moderate pleasant weather ice packed very close around us the barque in sight

Friday 12th — Ice packed closely a moderate breeze from the S West made sale and worked through the ice to a hole of water large enough to tack ship in kept standing backward and forward waiting for the S Henry untill the ice began to close up kept off and run 7 or 8 miles to the South East

Lattitude 63 56 Nor

Saturday 13th — First part of this day light air from the North ice packed closely in the afternoon ice slacked owing to a change of wind which was from the South & consequently we could make no head way so we took in sail and tied up for the night

Therm stands at 20 in

Sunday 14th — Pleasant weather light wind from the N W ice slacked in the morning made sail and worked to the S X E ward thick heavy ice in the afternoon saw the S Henry pearing north west from us under sail some 10 miles distant

Therm stands at 3 degree above freezeing

Monday 15th — This day of our lord finds us out of the ice strong winds from the N West stood off and then back to the ice could see nothing of S Henry the wind increasing had to double reef our sails fore and main lattitude 63-39 Therm stands 8 deg above fr

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Tuesday 16th Wind from the N West blowing heavy stood in to the ice could see nothing of the barque saw several mountains of ice drifting about as if they had no captain in the latter part of the day it commenced snowing and shut in thick and that makes it very diagreeable Therm stands at 30 degrees

Latti 63:35 Longi 63:12 W

Wednesday 17 Strong breeze from the N West and clear working up towards the pack under short sail at dusk spoke the ship Albia of Aberdeen Scotland Capt Stewart commander just from Cape Mercer reports no possibility of getting into the straits this season he is bound direct home has no oil on board

Therm stands at 15 d.

Thursday 18 Fine weather wind from the N West lay our main yard aback in the forenoon gaming with the Albia of Aberdeen Captain Stewart came on board and took diner in the afternon stood in towards the ice in company with the Albia saw the land at a great distance could see nothing of the George Henry the day closes with a light breeze from the Westward and the sun sets as clear as ever I saw it in the land of my birth

Therm at 30 d.

Friday 19 This day commences with a strong gale from the N West stood in towards the pack saw the place open where we came out of the pack saw nothing of the George Henry saw the land some 60 miles off lay our yard aback and waited for the Albia to come up with us our Captain went on board and took diner got the Albias crew to come on board and help get our chain up which was frozen down in the afternoon at 8 bells squared our main yard for the East side of Greenland in search of the George Henry the day ends with a light wind from the N East

Lattitude 63=20

Therm stands at 25

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Saturday 20 Strong gale from the N East swell heaving and tumbling our ship so we had to take our diner on the Cabin floor at 8 bells in the morning Captain says there hant no use to be knocking around here square the main yard for home no quickey said and it was done the day closes strong wind from the N West and snowing very hard Therm at 25 do

Sunday 21st Thick heavy weather Wind from the N West blowing hard in the forenoon it snowed some in the afternoon it cleared away and was quite pleasant Threw the log found the ship to be going 8½ knots an hour and at 4 bells she was going 10 knots an hour fine breeze for home the ship rolling to 8 pro course S West for the straits of Belle Isle
Therm at 27
Lat. 61-23 North

Moonday 22nd Thick heavy weather wind from the N W varying to N N West and dieing away to a calm snowed some during the day
Therm at freezing
Latt 59-18 North
Long 56-55

Tuesday 23d Heavy gale of wind from the S East thick heavy atmosphere rainy forenoon increased blowing had to double reef our sails fore & Main very heavy sea examined the lower hole found the ice melting started hey pumps and pumped hey free saw nothing during the day
Course S West Therm at 40 d

Wednesday 24th Variable weather wind from the S East varying to the East and blowing a good royal breeze rained some in the forenoon set up our fore rigging during the day the day closes with pleasant weather saw nothing during the day excepting a few sea gulls which are common in this part of the world so ends the day
Therm at 38 do
Course S S West

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Thursday 25th Pleasant weather light wind from the East in the forenoon bent a new bib and main topmast stagsail examined the sail room found the sails somewhat damaged this day closes with a south East gale and thick heavy atmosphere rained some during the afternoon saw nothing during the day

Course S West
Lattitude by Obs 53-23
Lott by dead reckoning 55-30
Therm at 38 degrees

Friday 26th This day commences with strong S East gale varying to S S East thick foggy atmosphere and raining hard took in all sail but foze and main topsail doubled reefed at that the day closes with strong westerly wind and partialy clear have been tolerably on the wind all day from S East to S S West

Lattitude by acct 54-55
Long — do 55-43

Mercury at 40 alone

Saturday 27th Heavy gale from the S East the Ship laying to under close reefed main topsail the day closes with a shift of wind from the west blowing heavy the ship rolling her rail under both sides of her this is the time when the Sailor wishes himself at home if ever

Mercury at 40 deg

Sunday 28th Strong breeze from the W S West with as pleasant a morning as ever I beheld shook the reefs out of our sails and spread sail again and but the ship on her course again the day closes with the wind from the S East again took in all sail again and prepared for another gale

Therm at 45 deg

Lattitude 54 North

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Monday 29th This day commences with a pleasant gale from the N. & West and pleasant weather set our sail and put our ship on her course which was S. S. West in the afternoon the wind hauled to the West and ~~and~~ blew a biving gale took in all sail and lay to under closed reefed main topsail during the night saw nothing during the day but awful weather

Set no ships

Therm 45 deg

Tuesday 30th The wind from the west the gale abated some set our sail closed reefed and run the ship towards land seas running very high in the forenoon the sky was clear in the latter part of the day clouded up again and rained some cleared away between decks and put the things into the lower hole we have had a gale of wind every since we started for home and this is enough to make any one out of patience if any thing so here we be knocking around here on the coast of Labrador and a hard place it is to

Lattitude 54 - 4 North
Therm at 43 deg.

Wednesday 31st Wind from the West thick heavy weather rained some during the forenoon at 12 o'clock it lit up got an observation in the latter part of this day saw two scools of porpoise going to the S. East the day closes Wind from the N West and partialy clear

Lattitude 53 ½ North
Long 52 - 31 W
Mercury at 43

Thursday Nov 1st Variable weather the wind shifting from N West to West making a fair wind for home once more threw the log found the ship going 7 nots in the afternoon thickened up and blew very hard from the West - got a main try sail out and bent it the day closed with a good breeze from the N West and thick heavy atmosphere

Lattitude 51 - 38 North
Mercury at 40 deg

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Friday Nov 2nd

All these 24 hours Wind from the West and thick heavy weather runing the ship under double reifed fore & main topsail main trysail and spanker cleared away at the bottom of the pumps so the water could get to them started her pumps and pump'd her free once more
Saw nothing during the day
Lattitude 49 & 4 Nor
Therm. at 45 de

Saturday 3rd

Strong wind from the west at 10 A M Saw a porpoise steering south did not speak her the wind increased to blow took in all sail but doubled reifed main top sail and run the ship on the wind - at 8 P M hove the ship to it blowing a living gale
Therm at 45

Sunday 4th

Pleasant gales from the N West the gale having abated some made sail and squared away having a fair wind once more at 10 A. M saw a brig to the N and West of us steering to the West supposed to be a vessel bound to the gulf of St Lawrence
Therm at 56
Lattitude 46 = 30 Nor

Monday 5th

Light breezes from the Eastward and pleasant weather in the latter part of the day the wind shifted to N West and blew very strong at 12 P M threw the lead line could get no bottom at 8 belles hauled the ship on the wind and stered West the day closes with a fair wind and clear atmosphere saw nothing during the day
Lattitude by acct 45-40
Therm at 58 deg

Tuesday 6th

A light wind from the N West and clear atmosphere stering the Ship on the wind all day in the forenoon saw a school of black fish going at the rate of 30 knots threw the got no bottom in latter part of the day saw two sperm whales close long side of us the day closes with a strong breeze from the N West
Long 47 = 10 d
Therm at 50

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Wednesday 7th

Variable weather wind from the West and allmost a perfect calm at 4 bells in the afternoon saw a ship astern & we tacked ship and stood down towards her to speak her found her to be an English vessel wore ship and stood back again the day closes with the wind from the S West and thick foggy atmosphere —

Lattitude 46-20
Therm at 52

Thursday 8th

All these 24 hours thick foggy weather wind from the West running the Ship on the wind all the day saw nothing during the day

Lattitude 44-30
Therm 58 deg

Friday 9th

this day commences with thick foggy weather light breeze from the west lit up about noon got an observation in the latter part of the day the day the wind increased to blow tacked ship and stood off shore at 4 bells took in all sail but doubled reefed maintopsail and fore top staysail hove the ship to the day closes with a Strong gale from S S West

Long 46 West Lattitude 44-39 N
Therm at 62

Saturday 10th

Pleasant gales from the North and clear atmosphere made sail at 4 AM set our courses and run the Ship two points free at 8 AM spoke Lattitude 44-30 North Long 46 West spoke the barque Ermenes of Glascow Scotland from St Johns bound to England at 4 PM passed a full rigged brig to the Windward of us did not speak her the day closes with strong breeze from the North

Long 46 West
Therm at 53 deg

Sunday 11th

Light winds from the North and partly clear at 8 AM saw a large ship on the lying some 5 miles distant at 12 O clock the Wind hauled West tacked ship and stood in shore at 4 P M. The Ship pased us about 4 miles off with Topgallant sails and Royals set the day closes with strong breeze from the West

Lattitude 43-46 North Long 47-40 West

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Monday 12th Fine pleasant weather wind North set our courses and run the Ship free in the forenoon sot up our main riggin at 2 PM saw 2 spouts just astern of us at 4 PM a sail hove in sight passed her about sunset one mile to the windward of her she was a large Clipper Ship and was steering E S East for England the day closes wind N. East
The Ship course West N West
Long 48=51 Lattitude 43 North
Therm at 48

Tuesday 13th Strong wind from the N. East and thick heavy weather in the afternoon the wind hauled to S East and blew a gale at 4 PM caled all hands to reef Topsails the day closes Wind S East and raining hard saw nothing during the day
Long 51=40 West

Wednesday 14th Heavy gale from the S East urging the Ship under close reefed Topsails and courses at 12 Oclock the wind hauled to the West and died away in a measure saw a large school of black fish just a stern of us the day closes wind N East turned the reefs out of her Topsails and squared the yards put the Ship on her course again
Long by reckon 53 West

Thursday 15th Light wind from the North and heavy atmosphere in the after part of the day the wind hauled N West and blew a gale at 3 PM caled all hands to reef Topsails the wind still increasing to blow kept the ~~fo~~ship fam on the wind at dusk passed a brig steering East to windward of us about ½ mile
Longt 53=04 West
Lattitude 42=4 North

Friday 16th Heavy wind from the N West shook the reefs out of her Topsails and run the Ship free at 12 Oclock the Wind hauled to the West and died away to a perfect calm at 2=0 M the man at the wheel saw two sperm Whale spouts one on our Starboard quarter the day closes light wind from the West Longt 57=21 West
Lattitude 40=56 North

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Saturday 17th This day commences with a strong S West gale at 1 Oclock in the morning all hands was called to take in sail hove the Ship to under close reefed maintop and Trysails the ship pitching her flying jib boom under every lunge she makes at 12 Oclock the wind abated some the wind hauled to N West set the Ships courses single reefed wore Ship and stood on our laboard tack close to the wind the day closes wind N West and squaly

Sunday 18th Strong wind from the west veering to S West and blowing hard shook the reefs out of our Topsails tacked ship and stood to the Northward at 6 P M reefed Topsails and courses the day closes wind N West and squaly saw nothing during the day

Latitude 39 North

Monday 19th Pleasant gales from N N East at 8 Oclock A M shook reef out of the Topsails set courses kept the Ship on the wind during the day at 6 Oclock P M the wind hauled to the westward tacked Ship stood stood on our laboard tack the day closes wind west and squaly

Longt 58=10 West
Latitude 40=8 North

Tuesday 20th Wind from S West and blowing hard at 2 Oclock in the morning all hands ~~of~~ called to take in sail took in all but foresail and close reefed main topsail kept the Ship on the wind during the day at 6 Oclock in the afternoon hove the Ship to under close reefed main topsail and Trysail the day closes wind N. West and blowing a living gale

Wednesday 21st The gale abated in a measure set courses and stood on the wind to the westward, in the course of the day the wind veered to N N West and died away to almost a calm in the afternoon bent a new topsail saw several beautiful rainbows during the day

Latitude 39=30 North
Longt by acc 60 West

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# Remarks On Board the Resolute

Thursday 22 This day commences wind S West and tremendous heavy squals at 8 O'clock in the morning all hands caled to take in sail took in everything but lee fore close reef main Topsail and main Toysail at 10 A.M hove the Ship to the seas runing small mountains high in the after part of the day the wind hauled to N West and blow a living gale the day closes wind N West thick heavy atmosphere and raining by spells fine weather for gound ducks

Friday 23d Wind N West still blowing gale the Ship hove to very heavy seas in the morning shiped a very heavy sea fore & aft did no damage in the afternoon the gale abated some all hands on deck employed in fixing the main topsail and bending a new fore topmast staysail at 6 P M made sail and stood to the westward the wind still N West

Longt. 69 = 20 West
Latitude 37 = 41 North

Saturday 24th Strong wind from S West and squaly at 8 O'clock in the morning reefed topsails by 10 A.M it blew a strong gale took in all sail but close reefed main Topsail at 1 P M hove the Ship to the seas runing mountains high expecting every moment to ship a sea that would sweep the decks clean in the afternoon the wind hauled N West and the ship lay more easy the day closes wind N N West and blowing a gale with a heavy thunder storm and rain

Sunday 25th Still a heavy gale from N N West at 8 O'clock A M shiped a heavy sea fore and aft that stove two boats on deck and one on the davits caried away fore scuttle and stove bulworks at 9 A M squared the Ship away before it and scud hey in the after part of the day the gale abated some all hands pumping the Ship and repairing the damages set up our main riggin the day closes strong breeze from N West

Longt by recon 60 West
Latitude by Obs 38 = 41

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Monday 26th Light wind from S West thick heavy weather and raining by spells at 10 AM the wind increased to blow reefed Topsails set our riggin up fore and aft saw a Ships spar floating supposed it to be a spar that some ship had carried away in a gale the day closes with pleasant gales from S West and raining the ship gaining close reefed fore and main Topsails and foresail steering S by West

Lattitude by acct 36 N

Tuesday 27th This day commences with a strong gale from S West at 4 AM took in all sail but close reefed main Topsail and Trysail hove the Ship to at 1 PM the wind hauled N West and moderated some lent a fore stay and close mizzen sail during the day pumped two feet of water out the hole the day closes moderate gale from N West and partly clear

Wednesday 28th Wind N N West and moderate at half past 9 A M spoke the clipper ship Martha Whitemore from Richmond Virginia bound to Liverpool all well on board in the afternoon bent main staysail the day closes wind varying from S West to South at 6 P M tacked ship and stood on our Laboard tack to the westward

Lattitude 37=00 North
Longt 37=00 West

Thursday 29th A pleasant wind from the South and thick heavy atmosphere at 6 o clock in the morning the wind had increased to a gale took in sail and hove the ship to wind close reefed main Top sail the day closes with a heavy thunder storm and a gale of wind S West dismal Thanksgiven for us that

Lattitude 37=06 N
Longt by recon 38=20 W

Friday 30th Heavy gale from N West the ship hove to under close reefed main Topsail at 3 P M saw a barque under close reefed Topsails before the wind steering S East the day closes with a strong gale from N W and partly clear atmosphere Lattitude 36=52 N

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December 1st

All these 24 hours Wind N West and moderate at 1 O'clock A M made sail and run the Ship free steering south in the after part of the day hauled the ship on the wind and steered West the day closes with a fine breze from N West and pleasant weather

Longt 56-20 West
Lattitude 35-10 North

Sunday 2nd

Light wind N West set courses at 4 O clock in the morning the Ship steering west at 10 A M the wind hauled S East and died away to a calms and the raging billows has ceased to roll once more and the surface of the Ocean is smooth around us again in the latter part of the day the wind hauled S East the day closes fine breze and partialy clear athmosphere

Longt 57-00 West
Lattitude 34-22 North

Monday 3rd

Wind S S West and blowing a strong breze at 9 O clock A M reefed Topsails and took in courses set up main Top mast riggin in the latter part of the day the wind shifted to N West and died away in a measure tacked ship and stood on our staboard tack S West the day closes light wind from N West and heavy atmosphere

Longt 59-41 West
Lattitude 34-15 North

Tuesday 4th

Strong wind from N N West and heavy weather at 9 A M passed a vessel Top mast floating the day closes wind N N West and light and thick heavy atmosphere

Longt 62-15 West
Lattitude 33-40 No

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Wednesday 5 This day commences with light wind from W East and cloudy atmosphere in the morning the wind hauled east and blew a fresh breeze in the forenoon all hands employed in bending a new fore course in the later part of the day the wind hauled S East set courses and steered west by Noth the day closes strong breeze from S East

Longt 63=26 West
Lattitude 33=14 North

Thursday 6th Light wind from S West and moderate weather during the forenoon the wind shifted to N West and blew a fresh breeze at half past 12 P M wore ship and stood S West on our staboard tack saw a large Brig astern of us steering East with top gallant sails and lower studensails set the day closes with a strong wind from N N West and partly clear

Longt 66=03 West
Lattitude 34=14 North

Friday 7th Wind N West and light by 8 O clock in the morning the wind had increased close reefed topsails and fore course at 2 P M wore ship and stood on our Larboard tack North at 4 P M took in sail and hove the ship to it blowing a gale the day closes with a strong gale N West and tremendous heavy squals

Longt 65=47 West
Lattitude 83=10 North

Saturday 8 Still blowing a strong gale from N W and a very heavy sea shipped several seas during the day but did no damage set up mizen riggin in the forenoon in the latter part of the day the wind shifted N N West and the gale abated some made some sail towards night the day closes with a moderate gale N N West—

Longt 65=00 West
Lattitude 33=17 North

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Sunday 9th This day commences with a moderate breeze from S West and pleasant weather bent a new fore Topsail and main course during the day towards night the wind come out S S West the day ends with a light breeze from S S West and cloudy atmosphere

Longt 64=40 West
Lattitude 33=39 North

Monday 10th The fore part of these 24 hours strong S West gale and very heavy seas at 6 clock in the morning all hands caled double reefed Topsails and took in courses caised away fore course boom in the afternoon the wind hauled to the southard more and died away in a measure the day closes with a moderate wind from S East and thick rainy weather got no obersation

Tuesday 11th All these 24 hours very heavy squals and wind from N West at 6 clock in the morning wore ship and stood on our starboard tack S West the day closes wind N West and rainy weather

Longt 66=01 West
Lattitude 35=33 North

Wednesday 12th Wind N West and moderate in the morning set fore course and main Topmast staysail at 12 clock saw a sail from fore top to the leward of us on the same ack with us at a distance cut away our starboard quarter boat the day closes wind N N W and raining by spells

Longt 67=14 West
Lattitude 34=50 North

Thursday 13th This day commences wind N East and light and heavy atmosphere at 12 clock the wind hauled East made all sail and squared the yards towards night the wind hauled S East and died away to a perfect calmn the day closes light airs from the South and a clear atmosphere

Longt 67=30 West
Lattitude 34=00 North

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Friday 14th

Wind S West and light in the morning saw a sail at a great distance got up main riggin in the forenoon during the fore part of the day the wind hauled to N W and headed the Ship of her course at 12 o clock saw a brig to the leward of us run down to her and spoke her found her to be the brig Montgomery Capt Magintyes of South Boston bound to Cuba with lumber went on board and got a cask of water and some potatoes the day closes wind N N East and light the ship steering W N West

Longt 67=35 West
Lattitude 34 50 North

Saturday 15th

Light wind from N East and pleasant weather at sunrise saw a Topsail schooner astern of us steering S West at 12 o clock saw a sperm whale spout to the windward 4 o clock in the afternoon a large barque crosed our boughs about 5 miles distant steering South the day closes light wind from S S East and a clear atmosphere the Ships course W by N

Longt 67=30 West
Lattitude 35=00 North

Sunday 16th

The fore part of these 24 hours light wind from S. West and beautiful atmosphere at 8 o clock in the morning passed a large Ship about 3 miles to the leward of us steeping N East at sun set saw two Ships and one Topsails schooner to the windward of us about 2 miles distant the day closes with a strong breeze S S W and cloudy atmosphere

Ships course W N West

Longt 69-00 West
Lattitude 35 30 North

Monday 17th

This day commences with strong S West wind and heavy squals of rain at 8 o clock A M the hauled N West and knocked the ships of to N N East and moderated some at 11 A M riefed Topsails took in main sky and mizzen sails 2 P M passed a large barque to the windward of us about 1 mile distant at 8 bells in the afternoon faced ships and stood to the westward on our starboard tack the day closes light wind N West and heavy weather

Longt 72-00 West
Lattitude 35=47 North

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Tuesday 18th

The fore part of this day light wind from S West and cloudy weather at 8 belles in the morning tacked ship and stood to the eastward on our laboard tack at 1 P M tacked ship again and stood to the westward saw nothing during the day. The day closes wind varying from S West to N N West and light clear atmosphere

Longt 70-19 West
Lattitude 37-25 North

Wednesday 19th

This day commences with a light wind from North and partly clear atmosphere at 9 A M signalised an American ship about 2 miles astern of us before the wind steering S West at 1 O'clock the wind shifted N East and it thickened up and looked very bad at sundown riefed Topsails and took in course it blowing half a gale at 4 P M passed a schooner to the leward of us steering N West the day wind N East and thick heavy weather

Longt 71-31 West
Lattitude 38-00 North

Thursday 20

The first part of these 24 hours strong gale from N East and heavy sea runing early in the morning a large ship crossed our boughs with a free wind steering S S East with double riefed Topsails and fore top mast staysail while the Resolute close riefed fore top and double riefed Topsails fore top staysail main sail and close mizzen sail set on the wind in the afternoon the hauled to the North died away to almost a perfect calmn at 6 O clock P M wore ship and stood to the westward on stabord tack the day closes light air from the North and cloudy weather got no observation

Longt by recon 72-11 W
Lattitude 38-20 N

Friday 21st

Light wind North and cloudy atmosphere during the forenoon a light breeze spring up from S East in the afternoon the wind hauled S S West and blew quite fresh got out foretop studing sail and set it the day closes with a fine breeze from S S West and pleasant weather

Longt 72-19 West
Lattitude 39-20 West

1855

# Remarks On Board the Resolute

Saturday 27th This day commences with a pleasant gale from S S West and clear atmosphere the ship running with a free wind at 8 bells sounded and got bottom 40 fathom which put us 40 miles to the southward of Montauk point at 2 PM made the light bt 3 P the wind dead away and was calm at sundown it sprung up S East squared the yards and stood for Montauk light which was about 10 miles distant went in through the race at 10 o'clock and 12 o'clock was anchored in New London Harbour safe and sound this ends the cruise of the barque Resolute from Davis straits.

1861

Sunday 31st

THE BRITISH SHIP RESOLUTE.

THE RESOLUTE, AS SHE APPEARED IN THE ICE, WHEN FIRST DISCOVERED BY CAPT. BUDDINGTON.

THE RESOLUTE COMING INTO NEW-LONDON HARBOR.

SIR EDWARD BELCHER. Belcher

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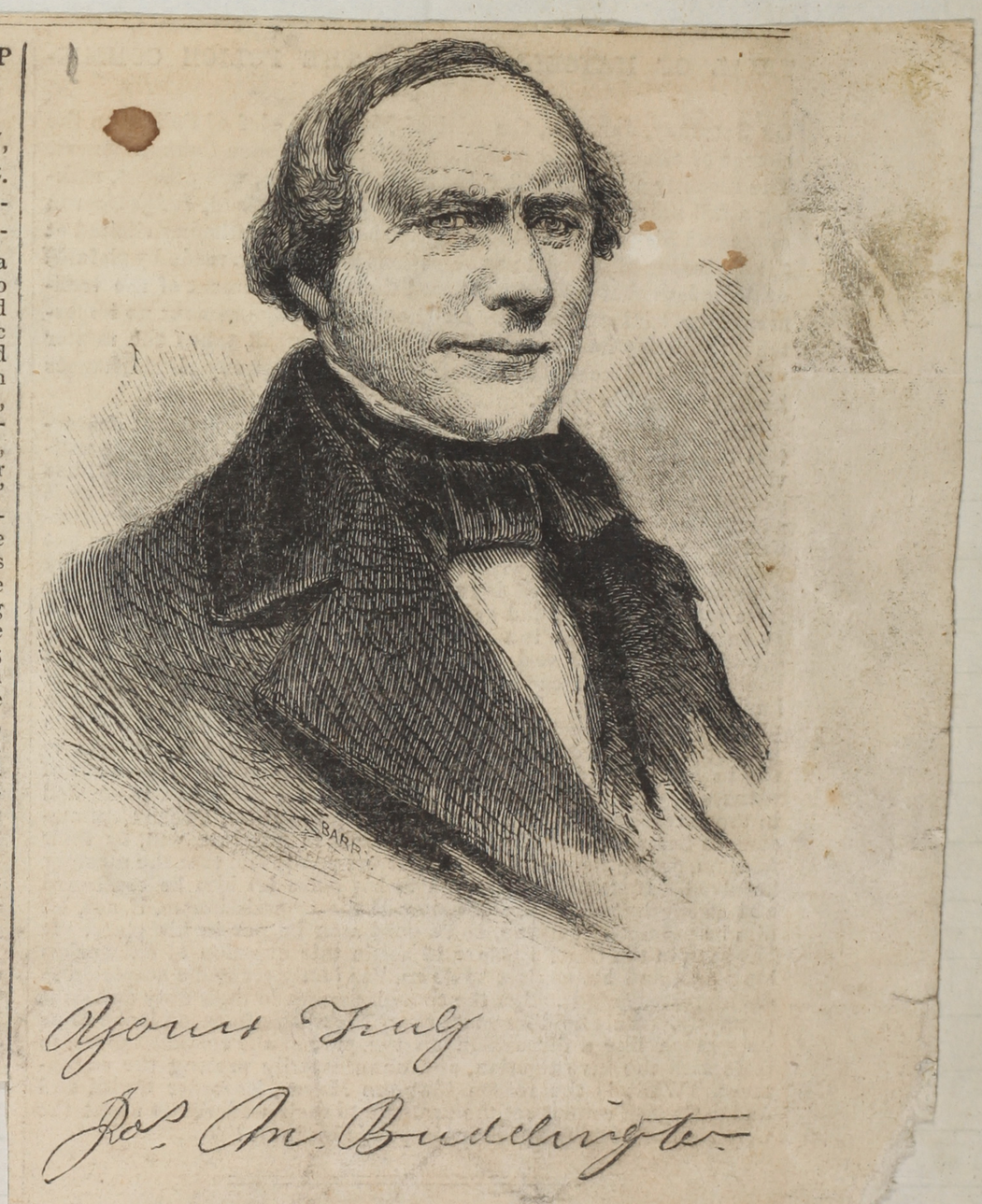
SIR E. BELCHER, FROM A PHOTOGRAPH, BY BEARD.

CAPTAIN SIR E. BELCHER, commander of the fleet including the Resolute, now so prominently before the public as the officer who ordered the abandonment of the vessel in the Arctic Seas, was born in 1799, and entered the British navy in 1812. For his services he was awarded a post-commission in 1841; the decoration of C. B. immediately following, and the honor of knighthood in 1843. His well known "Narrative of a voyage round the world, performed in H. M. S. Sulpher, during the years '36 and '43," fully developes his important services during the years alluded to. To Capt. Belcher is also attributed the authorship of a "Treatise on Nautical Surveying."

## CAPT. J. M. BUDDINGTON, OF THE SHIP RESOLUTE.

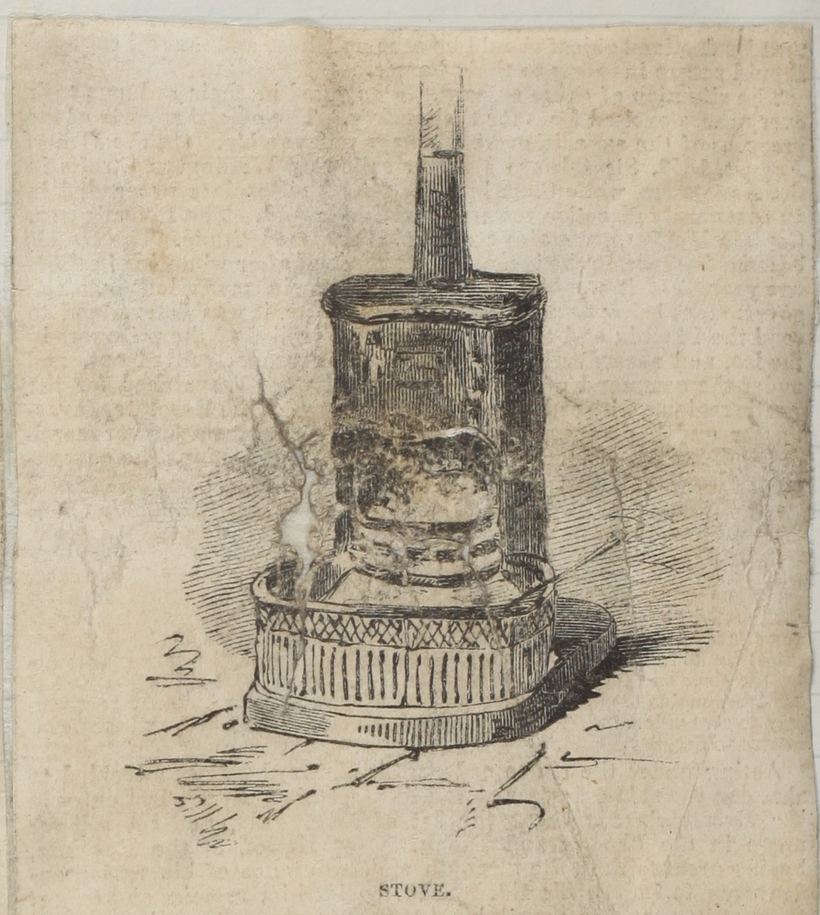
(FROM A DAGUERREOTYPE BY S. P. DART, OF NEW LONDON.)

CAPT. JAS. M. BUDDINGTON was born Nov. 11, 1817, in the town of Groton, in the State of Connecticut. His boyhood was passed in hard work on a farm, occasionally varied by a few weeks schooling in the winter. At the age of sixteen, 1832, noticing that a vessel was about starting on a whaling voyage, to use his own language "he dropped his hoe in the field and shipped on board," bound for the South Atlantic Ocean. The venture was successful and accomplished in eleven months. From that time to 1846, Captain Buddington made seven voyages, five in the Indian, and two in the North Pacific Ocean. His health failing he resolved to content himself at home. In 1853, he took charge of the brig Amoret and sailed for Northumberland inlet, on the west side of Davis' Straits. In this venture, which was the first successful trip the Captain made, he was inclosed in the ice nine months, the mercury from thirty to forty degrees below zero. In July of '54 the ice broke away, and he sailed for home. It must be remembered that the long dreary nine months were passed without any of the ameliorating advantages possessed by exploring ships; in fact, his brig was common in its appointments even for a whaler. In the month of May, '55, he took charge of the George Henry, again destined for Davis' Straits, with instructions, that if he were not successful "in filling up" to winter at that place. Nothing occurred worthy of note during the voyage. When the ship attempted to enter the strait, it was found nearly blocked up with ice, which obstructed her passage. The Capt. then went into Holsteinburg "and repaired." Finding that the obstructing "pack" could not be penetrated, the Captain visited Lievely and Horton, on the island of Disco. On the 20th of May, 1855, he again set sail for the "pack," across the mouth of Davis' Straits, and found it somewhat wasted away and scattered, and entered latitude 68 north, longitude 58 west, to the north of Cape Walsingham. In the course of five or six days he made the land, but immediately became beset with ice and drifted




down to Cape Mercy. While thus baffled in his intentions of reaching his intended whaling ground, on the 10th of September he first saw the Resolute, seven to ten miles distant, signalized but received no answer, whereupon Capt. Buddington decided she was an abandoned ship. Determining to bring the prize home, he accomplished it in sixty-three days from the time he got free from the ice. Capt. Buddington is a fine specimen of the American whaleman. Open and frank in his manners, kind and hospitable ashore, and as fearless as a lion on his "native element" the sea. It is such men as Capt. Buddington who have really given us, as a nation, our naval supremacy; for of all schools, to graduate seamen in, none is equal to the college, in which the studies are recited in "triumphing over" the whale.

ARTICLES FOUND ON THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE.



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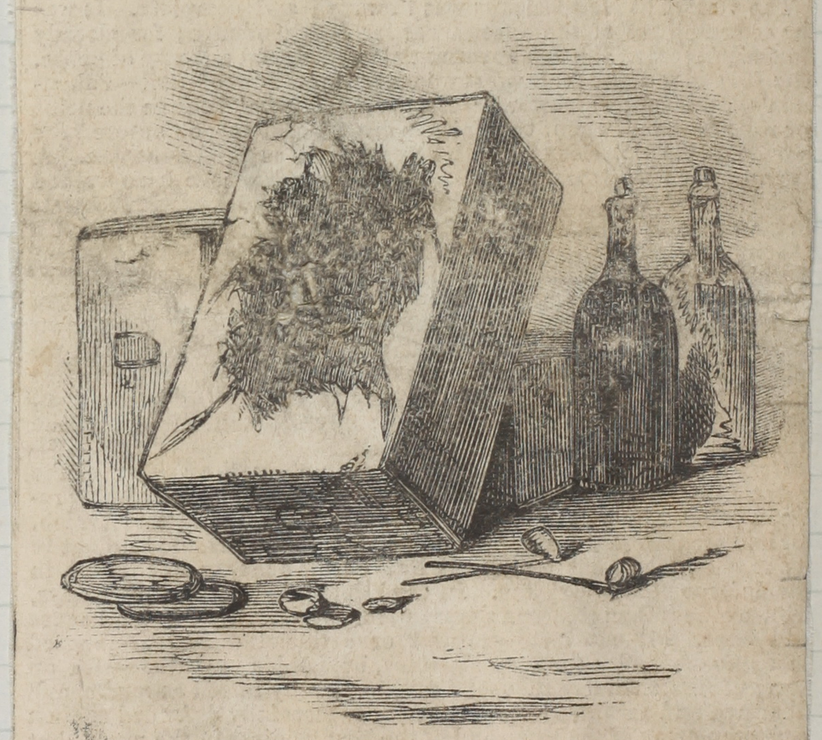
Our readers will remember, that in the magnificent picture we gave in No. 1 of Dr. Kane and his comrades, abandoning the Advance, which was drawn on the spot by one of Dr. Kane's party, that the sails of that vessel were left hanging to the yards. The same disposition was made of those belonging to the Resolute, and although they had been bent on the standing rigging probably for more than two years, and most of the time furled, yet so preservative is an arctic atmosphere, that they brought her safely into New London.



PRESERVES, WINES, BISCUITS, &c.

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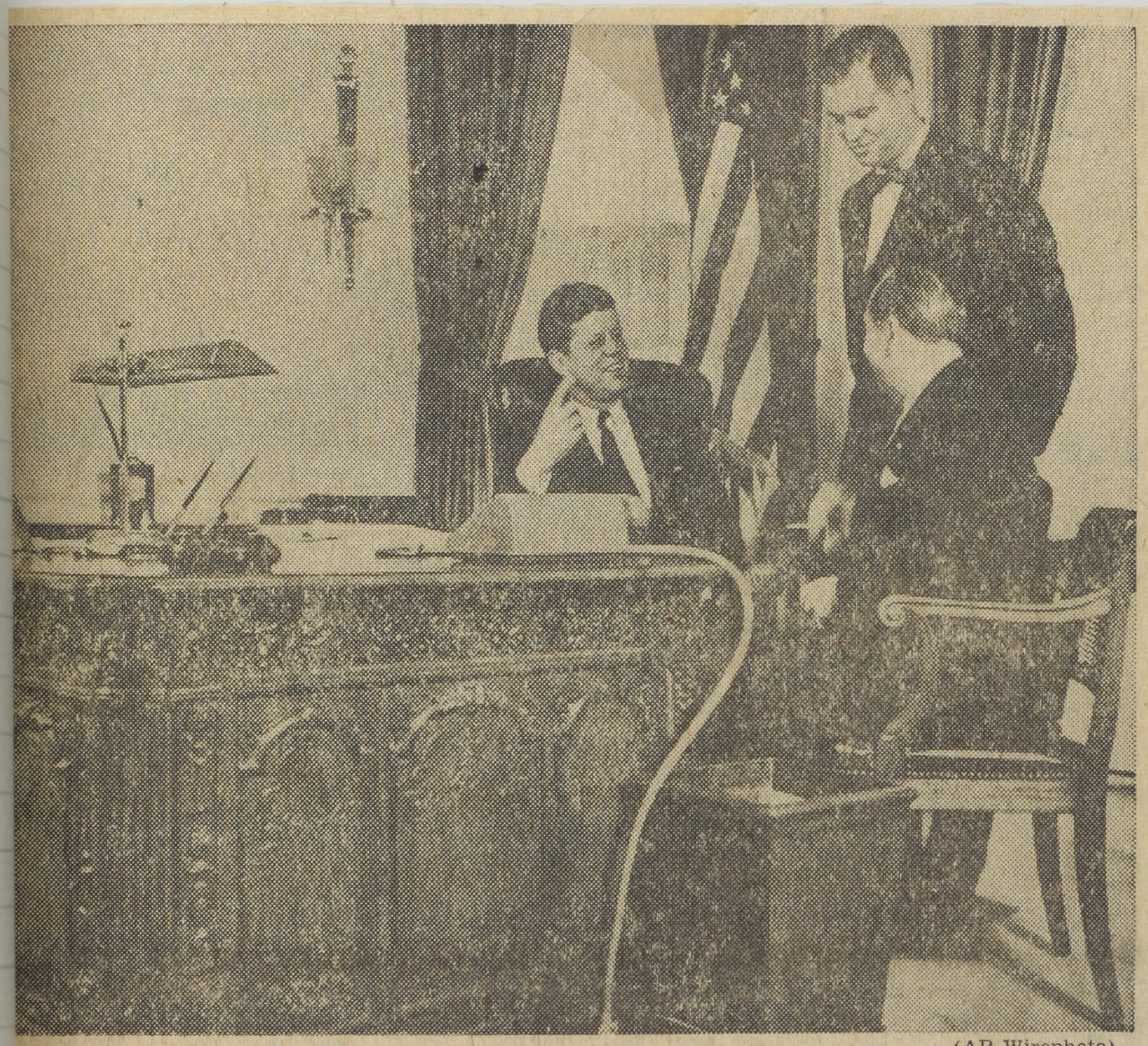

(AP Wirephoto)

LD DESK, NEW LOCATION—Mrs. Kennedy found desk, made from timbers 19th century British warship, in White House basement. President uses it dur- g talk with State Department's G. Mennen Williams (standing) and Tunisian nbassador Mongi Slim.

## ckie Found It Down Cellar

# His New Desk a Naval Relic

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (UPI)—President Kennedy took over the use today of his wife's "startling discovery"—a desk carved out of wood from a British Ship that got stuck in the Arctic ice.

Mrs. Kennedy discovered the 93-year-old mahogany desk in the White House basement.

Her press secretary put the capitol in suspense last week by announcing the President's wife had made a "startling discovery."

The discovery was downgraded to "interesting" when announced today by associate White House press secretary Andrew Hatcher.

**The desk had been shunted through the White House during previous administrations, finally winding up in the basement broadcast room.**

**DESK**

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It was in former President Harry S. Truman's second floor study until 1953 when his successor, Dwight D. Eisenhower, had it put in the basement.

Green baize was taped on the top when Eisenhower's television advisor, Robert Montgomery, noticed that the shiny surface reflected light into the President's eyes.

Eisenhower made his nationwide television appearances from behind the desk.

**It was carved in 1878 from the timbers of the H.M.S. Resolute, pulled out of the northern ice in 1855 by an American whaler.**

The President asked his wife to find objects to carry out a naval motif in his executive office and she felt the desk would fit in just fine.

She has found two naval battle scenes and has put a model of "Old Ironsides" on the mantle.

The White House said the old desk is in "perfect condition" and bears an inscription in black and gold which reads:

"H.M.S. Resolute, forming part of the expedition set in search of Sir John Franklin in 1852, was abandoned in latitude 74.41 north, longitude 101.22 west on 15 May, 1854. She was discovered and extricated in Sept., 1855, in latitude 67 north by Capt. Buddington of the U.S. whaler George Henry.

**"The ship was purchased, fitted out and sent to England as a gift to her majesty Queen Victoria by the President (Pierce) and the people of the United States as a token of good will and friendship.**

"This table was made from her timbers when she was broken up and is presented by the queen of Great Britain and Ireland to the President of the United States (Hayes) as a memorial of the courtesy and loving kindness which dictated the offer of the Resolute."

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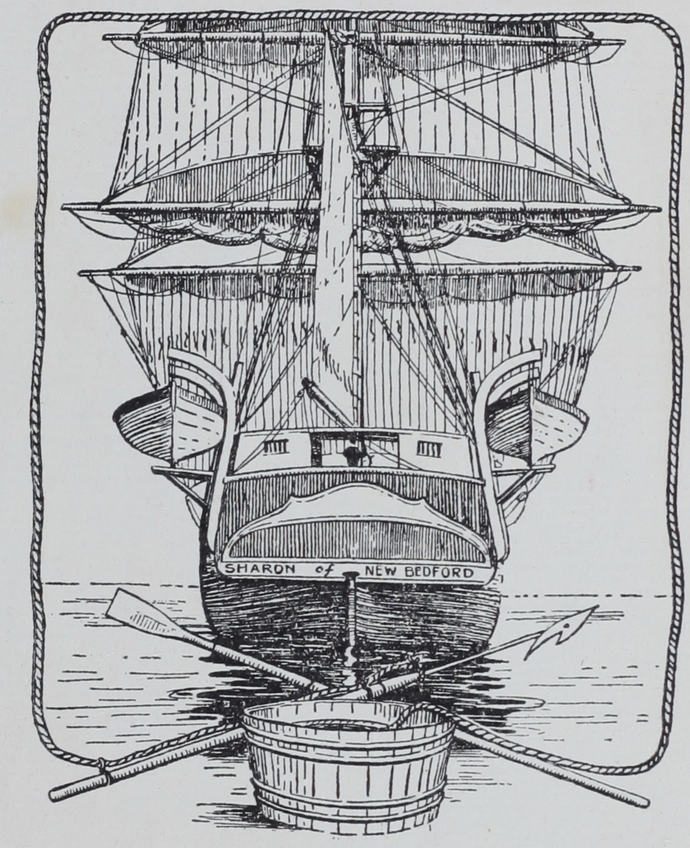


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